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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants amend the specification and the drawings.

The Examiner acknowledged Applicants' claim for foreign priority based on an application (JP 2000-082364) filed in Japan on March 23, 2000. However, the Examiner noted that Applicants had not filed a certified copy of JP 2000-082364. Applicants enclose herewith a certified copy of JP 2000-082364.

Claims 1 and 11 were objected to because the drawings were objected to under 37 CFR § 1.83(a) for failing to show every features of the invention specified in the claims. Particularly, the Examiner alleged that the "automatic gain control circuit" must be shown. Applicants have amended Fig. 1 to show the "automatic gain control circuit," and additionally to show the "power amplifier." In addition, Applicants have amended the specification to properly refer to the automatic gain control circuit AGC and the power amplifier PA. No new matter is added by the amendments to Fig. 1 and the specification since the automatic gain control circuit and the power amplifier were disclosed in the originally filed application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe et al. (U.S. 6,633,748) in view of Chorey et al. (U.S. 6,154,664). Applicants note that although the Examiner indicated that only claims 1-10 were rejected over Watanabe et al. in view of Chorey et al., it appears that the Examiner intended to reject claims 1-10 **and claims 11-20** over Watanabe et al. in view of Chorey et al. since each of claims 1-20 are addressed in the body of this rejection.

Applicants submit herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.130 which indicates that Watanabe et al. (U.S. 6,633,748) and the present invention were, at the time of the invention, commonly owned by the same company. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Watanabe et al. (U.S. 6,633,748) is disqualified as prior art in the present claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request

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reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe et al. (U.S. 6,633,748) in view of Chorey et al. (U.S. 6,154,664).

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-20 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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